

House Study Bill 111

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements of the department of human
2 services involving electronic benefits transfer.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1237DP 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 234.12A, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. The department of human services shall maintain an
1 4 electronic benefits transfer program utilizing electronic
1 5 funds transfer systems. The program shall at a minimum
1 6 provide for all of the following:
1 7 a. ~~A that~~ a retailer shall not be required to make cash
1 8 disbursements or to provide, purchase, or upgrade electronic
1 9 funds transfer system equipment as a condition of
1 10 participation in the program.
1 11 b. ~~A retailer providing electronic funds transfer system~~
~~1 12 equipment for transactions pursuant to the program shall be~~
~~1 13 reimbursed seven cents for each approved transaction pursuant~~
~~1 14 to the program utilizing the retailer's equipment.~~
1 15 c. ~~A retailer that provides electronic funds transfer~~
~~1 16 system equipment for transactions pursuant to the program and~~
~~1 17 who makes cash disbursements pursuant to the program utilizing~~
~~1 18 the retailer's equipment shall be paid a fee of seven cents by~~
~~1 19 the department for each cash disbursement transaction by the~~
~~1 20 retailer.~~

EXPLANATION

1 21 This bill relates to requirements of the department of
1 22 human services involving electronic benefits transfer.
1 23 Code section 234.12A, relating to the electronic benefits
1 24 transfer (EBT) program, is amended to eliminate the
1 25 requirement for payment of transfer fees to retailers. The
1 26 EBT program is utilized primarily for distributing federal
1 27 food assistance benefits.
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